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LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN	
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INSURANCES.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £ 100,000
Reserve Fund up to date £ 120,000
Annual Income £ 250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Fookshoo, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1880.

NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Goods at 1/2 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

THAMES AND MERSEY MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS in HONGKONG and CHINA for the above Company are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 3, 1881.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up) £1,420,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE £1,230,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND £1,283,936.17

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS £3,933,936.17

APRIL, 1881.

Directors: F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.

W. M. BOYD, Esq., W. M. MEYER, Esq., J. H. PINCKNEY, Esq., F. D. HITCH, Esq., Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 88 and 89, Cross Street, Singapore.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12% for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 20, 1881.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at current Rates. RISKS on First Class Goods Reduced to 1/2 net premium per annum from this date.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £100,000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1887.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances against FIRE at current Rates.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, May 10, 1881.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES GRANTED at current rates on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two-thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premiums contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH, Secretary.
Hongkong, April 8, 1881.

Visitors' Column.

We have instituted as an experiment a Visitors' Column, which we trust will prove successful, and be found useful. To it will be relegated from time to time such items of information, lists, tables and other intelligence as is considered likely to prove valuable to persons passing through the City, and in connection with which we have opened a SELECT HOTEL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, applications for enrolment into which we are now ready to receive.

List of Public Buildings.

Government House, North of Public Gardens.

City Hall, Library (8,000 volumes) and Museum, Free.

Public Gardens, a beautifully picturesque retreat and of great interest.

The Clock Tower, Queen's Road Central, in a line with Pedder's Wharf.

General Post Office, Hongkong Club, German Club, Supreme Court, &c., within a stone's throw.

Lustine Club and Library, Shelley St.

Government Offices, the Secretariat, &c., near the Public Gardens.

St. John's Cathedral (Anglican), above the Parade Ground.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Wellington Street.

Union Church, Elgin Street.

St. Peter's-Seamen's Church, West Point.

St. Joseph's (R.C.) Church, Garden Road, near Kennedy Road.

Temperance Hall, specially adapted for sea-faring men, Queen's Road East.

Sailors' Home, West Point.

R. E. A. and China Telegraph Co., and the Great Northern Telegraph Co. Marine House, Queen's Road.

Masonic Hall, Zealand Street.

Victoria Recreation Club—Bath-house and Boat-house, &c.—Paya, beyond the Cricket Ground, beside the City Hall.

The Barracks and Naval and Military Store Departments lie to the eastward, and cover a large area.

Stores, Books, &c.

American and English Stores, Books, and specially selected Cigars.—MACLEOD, FRICKEL & Co.

Chair and Boat Hire.

LEGALISED TARIFF OF FARES FOR CHAIRS, CHAIR BUILDERS, AND BOATS, IN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.

Chairs and Ordinary Pullaway Boats.

Half hour, 10 cts. Hour, 20 cts.

Three hours, 50 cts. Six hours, 70 cts.

Day (from 6 to 6), One Dollar.

TO VICTORIA PEAK.

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 10 cts.

Three Coolies, 8 cts.

Two Coolies, 6 cts.

Return (direct or by Pak-fo-lum).

Four Coolies, 15 cts.

Three Coolies, 12 cts.

Two Coolies, 10 cts.

TO VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF UMBRELLA SEAT).

Single Trip.

Four Coolies, 10 cts.

Three Coolies, 8 cts.

Two Coolies, 6 cts.

Return (direct or by Pak-fo-lum).

Four Coolies, 15 cts.

Three Coolies, 12 cts.

Two Coolies, 10 cts.

The Return Fare embraces a trip of not more than three hours.

For every hour or part of an hour above three hours, each Coolie will be entitled to an additional payment of 5 cts.

Day Trip (Peak), 20 cts. each Coolie.

(12 hours) Gap, 50 cts. each Coolie.

Licensed Beavers (each).

Hour, 10 cts.

Half day, 25 cts.

Day, 50 cts.

BOAT AND COOLIE HIRE.

BOATS.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 100 piculs, per Day, 30 cts.

1st Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 100 piculs, per Load, 2.00

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 100 piculs, per Day, 2.50

2nd Class Cargo Boat of 8 or 100 piculs, per Load, 1.75

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ku Boat of 300 piculs, per Day, 1.50

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ku Boat of 300 piculs, per Load, 1.00

3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-ku Boat of 300 piculs, Half Day, 50 cts.

Sampans.

or Pullaway Boats, per Day, 10 cts.

One Hour, 20 cts.

Half-an-Hour, 10 cts.

After 6 p.m., 10 cts. extra.

Nothing in this Scale prevents private agreements.

STREET COOLIES.

Scale of Hire for Street Coolies.

One Day, 38 cts.

Half Day, 20 cts.

Three Hours, 12 cts.

One Hour, 8 cts.

Half Hour, 5 cts.

Nothing in the above Scale to affect private agreements.

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHBURN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, 11 cts.

China Mail Office.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

Dec. 28, 1881.

Stocks.	Nos. of Shares.	Value.	Paid-up.	Reserve.	Working Account.	Last dividend.	Closing Quotations.	Cash.
BANKS.								
HS. Bank & Shanghai	40,000	125	125	1,900,000	3,734.00	30/	118 1/2	% prom.
Yong Sang	1,000	2,000	2,000	238,000	1,251,044.91	75/	112 1/2	p. sh.
Nth. China Ins.	1,200	350	350	18,447.56	12 1/2	75/	118 1/2	p. sh.
Yong Sang	1,200	350	350	18,447.56	12 1/2	75/	118 1/2	p. sh.
China Ins. Soc.	500	2,500	500	381,787	437,688.58	144 1/2	1600	
China Traders Insurance	400	1,600	400	475,000	91,928.49	20 1/2	1550	
China Ins. Co.	1,500	1,000	200	100,378	42,869.79	6 1/2	8290	
HS. Fire Ins.	2,000	1,000	200	761,342	226,547.81	87 1/2	8925	
China Fire Ins. Atam O'Panyes	4,000	500	100	433,984	103,029.68	18 1/2	8202 1/2	
HS. C. and M. Steamboat	8,000	100	75	110,000	...	0 1/2	923	% prom.
China Coast S. Navigation	5,000	100	100	78,932	31,474.04	15 1/2	...	
HS. C. and M. Dock	10,000	125	125	128,766	1,480.20	4 1/2	36 1/2	% pm.
HS. C. and M. Gas Co.	5,000	10	10	7,489	...	...	800	p. share
H'kong Hotel	2,000	100	100	...	...	...	118	p. share
China Sugar Co.	6,000	100	100	...	...	...	118	p. share
H'kong Ice Co.	1,250	100	100	...	...	...	118	p. share
H'kong Bakery	600	50	50	...	...	...	118	p. share
LOANS.								
Chi. Imp., 1874	6,276	100	all	8 1/2	June 30 Dec 31	...	...
" " 1877	16,042	100	all	8 1/2	Feb. 28 Ag. 31	...	...
" " 1878	3,893	100	all	8 1/2	April & Oct.	...	...
" " 1881	8,666	500	all	8 1/2	June & Dec.	...	...
Sugar Debent.	600	300	all	8 1/2	June & Dec.	...	...

For half-year ended 30th June, 1881. \$ For year 1880. EDWARD GEORGE, Share Broker.

Hongkong Rates of Postage.

(Revised July 1st, 1881.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, trouble, &c., as the case may be, but such papers or packets or papers may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Printed Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

Commercial Papers signify such papers as, though written by hand, do not bear the character of an actual or personal correspondence, such as invoices, deeds, copied music, &c. The charge on them is the same as for books, but, whatever the weight of a packet containing any partially written paper, it will not be charged less than 6 cents.

The sender of any Registered Article may accompany it with a Return Receipt on paying an extra fee of 5 cents.

The limit of weight for Books and Commercial Papers to Foreign Post Offices is 4 lbs. Patterns for such offices are limited to 8 ounces, and must not exceed these dimensions: 8 inches by 4 inches by 2 inches.

N.R. means No Registration.

Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, most foreign possessions in Asia, Japan, W. Africa, Egypt, Mauritius, Brazil, Peru, Chili, Venezuela, The Argentine Republic, Jamaica, Trinidad, Guiana, Honduras, Bermuda, Labuan, with all Danish, French, Netherlands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies.

Countries not in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are the Australasian Group, and S. Africa.

Postage to Union Countries.

General Rates, by any route.

Letters, 10 cents per oz.

Post Cards, 3 cents each.

Registration, 10 cents.

Newspapers, 2 cents each.

Books, Patterns, &c., 2 cents per oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Postage to Non-Union Countries.

Hawaiian Kingdom:—

Letters, 10

Registration, None.

Newspapers, 2

Books & Patterns, 5

West Indies (Non Union), Bolivia, Costa Rica, Nicaragua.

Letters, 30

Registration, None.

Newspapers, 5

Books & Patterns, 5

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, and Fiji, via Torres Straits, Letters, 10; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2; Via Galle, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 2.

Natal, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension, via London, Letters, 25; Registration, 10; Newspapers, 5; Books and Patterns, 5.

A small extra charge is made on delivery.

There is Registration to British W. India Islands, 10 cents.

LOCAL POSTAGE.

General Local Rates

Letters, 10 cts.

Post Cards, 3 cts.

Registration, 10 cts.

Newspapers, 2 cts.

Books, Patterns, &c., 2 cts.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

Indemnity for the Loss of a Registered Article.

The Post Office is not legally responsible for the safe delivery of Registered correspondence, but it is prepared to make good the contents of such correspondence lost while passing through the Post, to the extent of £10, in certain cases, provided:—

1. That the sender duly observed all the conditions of Registration required.

2. That the letter was securely enclosed in a reasonably strong envelope.

3. That application was made to the Postmaster General of Hongkong immediately the loss was discovered, the envelope being invariably forwarded with such application unless it also is lost.

4. That the Postmaster General is satisfied that the loss occurred whilst the correspondence was in the custody of the British Postal administration in China, that it was not caused by any fault on the part of the sender, by destruction by fire, or shipwreck, nor by dishonesty or negligence of any person not in the employment of the Hongkong Post Office.

5. No compensation can be paid for mere damage to fragile articles such as portraits, watches, handkerchiefs, bound books, &c., which reach their destination, although in a broken or deteriorated condition.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A, near the Kowloon shore B, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked C, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.

2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works. 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.